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14 August 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chiefs, FBIS Field Bureaus

FROM : Chief, FBIS

SUBJECT : Letter of Instruction - Part I

GENERAL

1. Despite the suddenness and magnitude of the Middle East crisis, the Mediterranean and London Bureaus provided full coverage of the Arab World and Soviet Bloc transmitters and rapid, uninterrupted communication of material. During the crisis, several YY (emergency) items from Cyprus reached Washington in five minutes, OO (Operational Immediate) in 10 to 15 and PP (Priority) in 45 to 50. For several days of the week of 14 July, wordage on the Wire Service increased 40%. Several special reports were issued and services rendered in connection with the crisis. On July 16 only, the "pink sheet" of significant foreign radio reportage was expanded to two pages in order to permit the inclusion of a wider sampling of worldwide reaction to the landing of American Marines in Lebanon. From daily roundups supplies by the Okinawa Bureau, special summations of Peking comment on the Middle East developments were included in the Daily Report as a means of documenting the major effort undertaken by the Peking Radio to exploit the crisis.

2. Middle East clandestine radio activity has increased markedly since the Iraqi coup. So far only a few of these have been heard: The "Jordan People's Radio," which has called for the overthrow of King Husayn, and the anti-Shamun "Voice of Free Lebanon" and "Voice of the Struggling Lebanese People." On the other hand, the anti-Hashimite "Voice of Iraq" discontinued broadcasting on 23 July, with a "mission accomplished" sign-off.

3. Supplements to the Daily Report:

- a. 14 July -- Ulbricht's Report and Khrushchev's Speech to SED Congress
- b. 25 July -- Additions to Ulbricht's Report to SED Congress
- c. 18 July -- World Radio and Press Reaction to Middle East Crisis
(following landing of United States Marines in Lebanon)

EDITORIAL COMMENT

1. All Bureaus. While tense shift is preferred in dependent clauses both in British and literary American English, the Hansard style of continuing reportage of speeches in indirect discourse is not idiomatic in American English and there-

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fore should be avoided in copy as far as possible. An example of copy as received and copy as preferred is given below:

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(L151844 Berlin ADN July 151552)

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COPY AS PREFERRED

(DAILY REPORT July 17)

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2. Mediterranean Bureau. All persons concerned with the excellent coverage of the Mideast crisis are to be commended. The short and rapidly processed FYI's on the fast-breaking developments were well utilized. For example, the initial report on the Iraqi revolt was carried by the FBIS Wire Service one hour and 27 minutes before the story was broken by the news agencies. The coordination of coverage with the BBC was very well done, but in the case where answers to the BBC queries were of general interest they should also have been filed to Washington.

3. Far East Bureaus:

a. The Far East Bureaus did a most commendable job in contributing to the total picture of the world crisis resulting from events in the Middle East. The Tokyo and Saigon files indicated the bureaus' general awareness of the need of representative reaction to the developments, while Okinawa and West Coast material clearly reflected Peking's intense propaganda exploitation of the situation. In this connection attention is called to specific DAILY REPORTS that provide examples of the use made of field FYI's regarding various radios' initial reaction to major developments (AAA 1 of July 15 report), the deluge of comment and reportage (AAA 20, July 21 report), and the domestic radios' behavior in relation to these developments (AAA 25, July 25 report).

b. The Okinawa and West Coast Bureaus have been very successful in their efforts to increase the amount of economic material processed as abstracts rather than for DAILY REPORT publication. In June the West Coast Bureau more than doubled the May abstract production figure and this performance was almost equaled by Okinawa. Further efforts along these lines will be appreciated, particularly in the processing of NCNA English and KCNA material, both of which include many items which should be compressed and processed as abstracts. In this regard, there is no prohibition against splitting of an item into two or more abstracts when this is necessary to respect the 20-line limit necessitated by the physical dimensions of the abstract cards.

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[REDACTED] The service, which commenced on 6 August, is limited to wire material not more than five days old and its volume and distribution must remain within FBIS' existing circuit and personnel capabilities.

2. In continuation of the approved program of consolidation of the current analysis publications of the Radio Propaganda Branch, which began in June with the amalgamated Trends and Highlights, the Surveys of USSR and Far East Communist broadcasts were replaced on 3 July with a consolidated Survey of Communist Bloc Broadcasts. At the same time, a changeover was made from mimeograph to multi-lith reproduction.

3. Special Propaganda Analysis services:

a. FBIS serviced the U.S. Technical Delegation on Atomic Inspection with six classified cables analyzing Soviet propaganda on the Geneva technical talks. Copies were sent to OCI and OSI. Texts of Soviet commentaries on the talks were filed directly to the delegation by the London Bureau.

b. A typescript study of differences in Soviet and Chinese Communist propaganda treatment of East-West relations, Yugoslav revisionism, economic aid, and other selected subjects was prepared [REDACTED] Copies were sent to OCI, ONE, State and USIA. An advance draft of the INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM article on Communist China and the Yugoslav Problem was sent to the Radio Propaganda Branch by State Department with a notation that the study of Moscow-Peking differences had been found useful. 50X1

c. A typescript list of references to Japan in Soviet and Chinese Communist official statements from January 1957 to July 1958 was prepared [REDACTED] 50X1
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d. Three propaganda-analysis items supplemented the news and roundup coverage of the Middle East crisis on the FBIS Wire. RPB analysts responded to repeated telephone requests from the Chief, State OIRA/DRS and DRS analysts for up-to-date information on Soviet propaganda treatment of developments in the crisis.

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4. Other special services rendered by FBIS:

a. On July 3 a survey of favorable and derogatory comment concerning the United States broadcast by the Argentine, Brazilian and Uruguayan radios during the period June 25 - July 1 was compiled in support of a June 23 National Security Council directive to the Agency.

b. On July 8 a statement concerning the program content of the Cairo radio was prepared [redacted] for FBIS comment on the revision of a Joint Intelligence Committee paper bringing up to date a description of the make-up, technical facilities, and content of the Egyptian radio. 50X1

c. On July 23 a collation was prepared of selected texts and summaries of items monitored from the Cairo, Damascus and "Voice of Free Iraq" radios prior to July 14, 1958--date of the Iraqi coup--and published in the Daily Report. The compilation was intended as a demonstration that items broadcast by these three radios had in many cases predicted an eventual assault of the Iraqi Government and in some cases had actually incited such an assault.

5. Electronic Specialist [redacted] on TDY in Vienna has tested out the loop installation and determined that the signal level on the Tirana, Albania transmitter on 1088 kcs is just too low to be received intelligibly, and the Sofia, Bulgaria transmitter on 593 kcs is interfered with by a Vienna transmitter on 584 kcs using 150 KW power, located only a few miles away and in the general direction of Sofia. These results indicate that monitoring of Tirana and Sofia at Vienna will require a Beverage antenna on an appropriate site beyond the interference range of Radio Vienna. A suitable site is being sought, but construction will depend on whether arrangements can be made with the Austrian Government. 50X1

6. Three additional repairable semi-automatic tape relay units have been procured in Tokyo from the local Army Signal Supply Center at 20% of the original cost. Two will be sent to the Okinawa Bureau. Traffic transmission and relay functions at these Bureaus will be simplified by these units and the traffic volume on the circuits brought substantially nearer the theoretical maximum of 88,320 words per day.

7. A Stelma Corporation electronic word counter has been tested and it was found that calculated and actual counts during test periods were almost identical. The difference was one word in 7380 during the most crucial test. As the counter operates in the communications circuit, it produces a count of traffic on the circuit irrespective of printer changes. A recommendation is in preparation for procurement of these counters for the FBIS relay centers.

8. Construction report on the FBIS operations area at Chitose, Hokkaido: buildings and grounds -- 60% completed; antenna field -- 7% completed.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

1. All bureaus. Various bureaus continue to engage in practices relative to the preparation and transmissions of reaction roundups which are contrary to

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the directives included in the Editorial Handbook. When roundups are being prepared in the field it is the duty of the editorial supervisor to see that the following steps are taken:

a. Editors assigned to write the roundups should be certain that they are acquainted with the guidance provided in the Handbook and with the supplementary instruction included in letters of instructions. It will be noted that the roundups are intended to synthesize recurrent themes when they appear and provide a common denominator of reaction when it is appropriate. A recent contribution consisted of 16 takes listing a wide variety of isolated comments strung together like beads. It should be obvious that such contributions are extremely difficult to handle and that to publish them in full would be inconsistent with the concept of reporting reaction which reflects a generally held sentiment. On the other hand some bureaus on occasion limit their efforts to reporting very isolated comments when apparently other comments are available, thus failing to provide any indication of the representative underlying themes.

b. Recent reaction reports should be scrutinized carefully by bureau personnel and compared with the roundups filed by the bureau as a means of acquainting editors with the kinds of changes that have normally been made in the bureau's contributions. It is expected that the authors of subsequent reports will thus be better able to tailor their product to Headquarters' needs and preferences. Of all the contributions to the recent report on the landing of American Marines in Lebanon, that from the East Coast Bureau needed the least revision.

c. All takes of the roundups must be slugged PROJECTS EDITOR ONLY. Recently more than an hour and a half was wasted in an effort to track down copies which were in some cases filed with no flag, addressed "COPY TO PROJECTS EDITOR" or sent as administrative messages. Frequently various takes from a single bureau are addressed differently.

2. Mediterranean Bureau

a. The inclusion of material in roundups which does not merit individual processing but which fills out the broad picture of the situation is appreciated and encouraged. Such summarization as an alternative to copious filing is especially appreciated during weekend and holiday periods.

b. Efforts should be made to insure closer coordination between cruising monitors and editorial personnel so that items of general editorial interest will be filed appropriately for use by the Headquarters Wire and DAILY REPORT.

2. London Bureau.

Editors are reminded that the new logograph manual provides that the name of the language must be included in press service brief logographs even when the language is that of the originating country. For example: Moscow, TASS, Russian, etc.

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4. East Coast Bureau

The Bureau's contributions to the survey of opinions concerning the US voiced by the Argentine, Brazilian, and Uruguayan radios, prepared for the NSC, were much appreciated.

ADMINISTRATION

1. The Chief, Radio Propaganda Branch recently made a brief recruiting trip to Eastern universities.

2. Bureaus are requested to indicate actual dates instead of "as scheduled," "this date," etc. on all administrative messages.

3. Monthly Classified Personnel Reports should be submitted in an original and two copies and the Foreign Personnel Report in an original and one copy.

4. The following FBIS regulatory issuance was released during the month of July:

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PERSONNEL CHANGES1. New Employees in FBISNameAssignment

Editorial Branch
(Trf. from OCI)

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WCB
(Trf. from FDD)

Editorial Branch

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2. Reassignments within FBISNameFromTo

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Editor, London Bureau

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Adm Assistant, WCB

Editor, Ed. Br.

Editor, WCB

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	Cruising Monitor, WCB	Cruising Monitor, Oki. Bur.	
	Editor, Ed. Br.	Editor, London Bureau	

3. Transfer from FBIS

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4. Separations

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